

Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization
MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2015

1. Welcome and open meeting.

Mayor Berry called to order the regular meeting of the MPO Policy Committee at 9:07 a.m. on April 8, 2015, at the Brazos County Commissioner's Courtroom, 200 South Texas Avenue, Bryan, TX.

Certification of Quorum:

Voting members present were:

Mayor Nancy Berry, City of College Station
County Judge Duane Peters, Brazos County
Councilman Greg Owens, City of Bryan
Mr. Lance Simmons, Texas Department of Transportation

A list of persons in attendance is attached.

2. Public Comments regarding items not on the Agenda.

No public comments were received.

3. Policy Committee minutes from December 3, 2014, meeting: Consider adoption - Required Action

Minutes from the February 4, 2015, Policy Committee Meeting were considered for adoption. Motion to approve was made by Duane Peters and seconded by Greg Owens. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

4. Draft 2014-2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment III: Presentation, discussion, and consideration of release for public comment.

Changes by Task are as follows:

- Task 1.0 – a web link to the FY 2014 APER has been added.
- Task 1.2 – Added RBPAP to the Regional Coordination Task
- Task 1.3 – Travel budget reduced by \$5,000 from \$15,000 to \$10,000
- Task 5.2 - BCSMI reduced to \$1,000 to allow the program to be closed out. Data collection ended in December 2014. The current balance is about \$5,700. This will be returned to the members proportionally to their contribution. The county auditor will cut the checks upon notification by the MPO.
- Task 5.3 – Regional Thoroughfare Plan, reduced from \$68,000 to \$38,000. This money will pay for staff time since the Task will be handled in-house.

- **Task 5.4 – Update of the BCSMPO Website: \$2,000 being budgeted to develop the RFP, evaluate responses and select the consultant. Work will begin in FY 2016.**
- **Task 5.5 – BTM Demographics/Operation Study. Develop the RFP/Evaluation/Selection by MPO staff but no work until FY 2016. The study will be paid for by BTM funds.**
- **Committee memberships were updated too.**

A motion was made by Mayor Berry to approve and release the Draft 2014-2015 Amendment III for public comment. The motion was seconded by Judge Peters. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

5. Transportation Alternatives Program: Presentation, discussion, and consider approval of Letters of Support by Executive Action.

The Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Panel met and agreed to support and prioritize projects for the TAP Program. Brad presented an overview of the program. City of College Station projects were presented by Venessa Garza and City of Bryan projects were presented by Paul Kaspar. All three presentations are attached to and made a part of these minutes. The RBPAP is asking for a letter of support from the MPO for the TAP projects.

Mayor Berry made the motion approving Brad to submit a letter of support for the proposed TAP program project submittals. The motion was seconded by Greg Owens. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

6. Director's Report.

Bylaws Amendment – MPO By-Laws are currently being reviewed and updated. A draft will be submitted in the near future. Brad will make copies available well in advance of the meeting to give Policy Committee Members ample time to review.

Annual Bicycle/Pedestrian Meeting - TxDOT Annual Bike Ped Public Hearing is on April 30th. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower, Room 301. It will be the first time other entities are participating.

Regional Thoroughfare Plan – Discussions have revealed a need for proactive public outreach. The outline for this will be presented as the process proceeds. Maps will be avoided until later. Community organizations (Lion's Club, etc.) will be approached.

MPO 101 Workshop – Joint workshop with TAC and Policy Committee to learn about the MPO and the responsibilities of the MPO, the Policy Committee, and the Technical Advisory Committee. Brad will be contacting members of both committees for workable dates.

7. Executive Session – Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code.

No executive session was held.

8. Possible Action from Executive Session.

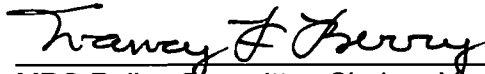
N/A

9. Draft Agenda Items for March 4th Policy Committee meeting (please submit by April 24th).

10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

ATTEST:



MPO Policy Committee Chair or Vice-Chair
Bryan-College Station
Metropolitan Planning Organization

5-6-15

Date



Brad McCaleb - BCSMPO



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Transportation Alternatives Program

TxDOT 2015 Call for Projects for
Population Areas Less Than 200,000

*Policy Committee Meeting
April 8, 2015
Agenda Item 5*

TAP Grant Overview

- ❑ MAP-21 Consolidated FHWA Programs
 - Transportation Enhancement Program
 - Safe Routes to School Program
 - Recreational Trails Program
- ❑ Created Single Funding Source – TAP
- ❑ TxDOT Program
 - Approximately \$52 Million Available
 - Applications due May 4th
 - Project Evaluations May – July
 - Project Selection & Award July – September

TAP Grant Overview

- ❑ TAP only funds construction
- ❑ Eligible TAP activities
- ❑ Reimbursable grant
- ❑ 80% Federal funds/20% Local match
- ❑ 4 Categories of projects

TAP Grant Scoring

- ❑ 50% - Key TxDOT Goals & Project Emphasis Areas
- ❑ 25% - Project Readiness
- ❑ 25% - Local Project Funding

Bryan TAP Submittal



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City of Bryan Project Submittals

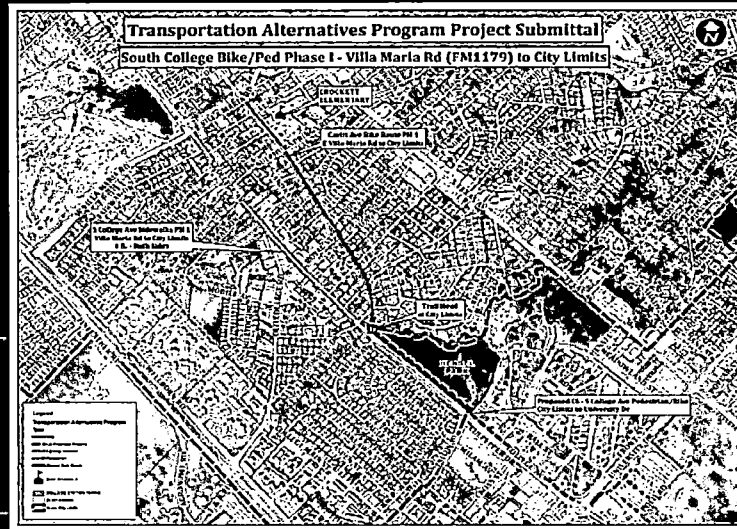
W. Paul Kaspar, PE
City Engineer

South College Bike/Ped Ph1



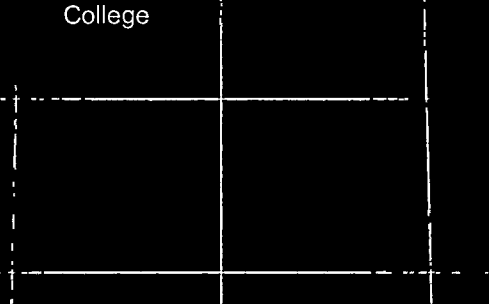
- Partner project with one submitted by College Station
- Bryan project limits from Cavitt Avenue / Hensel Park property line to Villa Maria (FM1179)
- Trail head at city limits in each project – avoid interlocals
- Bike route designated on Cavitt Avenue with signage
- Pedestrian sidewalks (6 ft) will be constructed on both sides of S. College – will need to diverge pedestrians and bikes from 12 foot shared path in College Station project

South College Bike/Ped Ph1

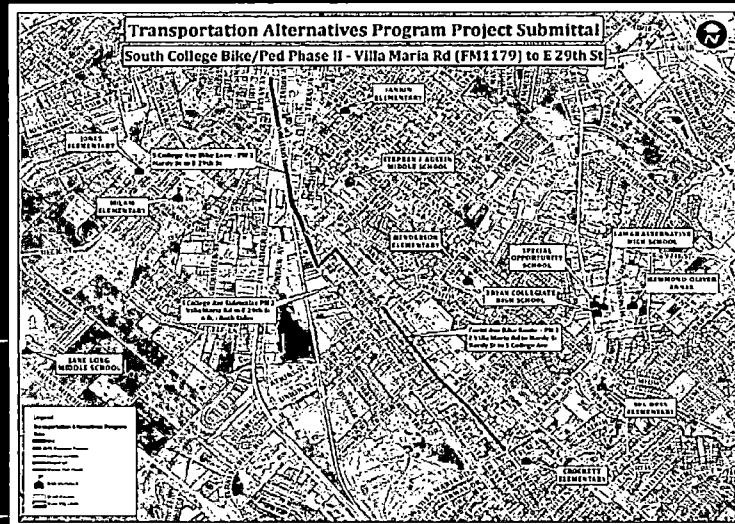


South College Bike/Ped Ph2

- Partner project with one submitted by College Station
- Bryan project limits from Villa Maria (FM1179) to Downtown Bryan (29th Street)
- Bike route designated on Cavitt Avenue with signage from Villa Maria to Hardy Street, then on Hardy St to S. College
- Bike Lanes on S. College from Hardy Street to 29th Street
- Pedestrian sidewalks (6 ft) will be constructed on both sides of S. College



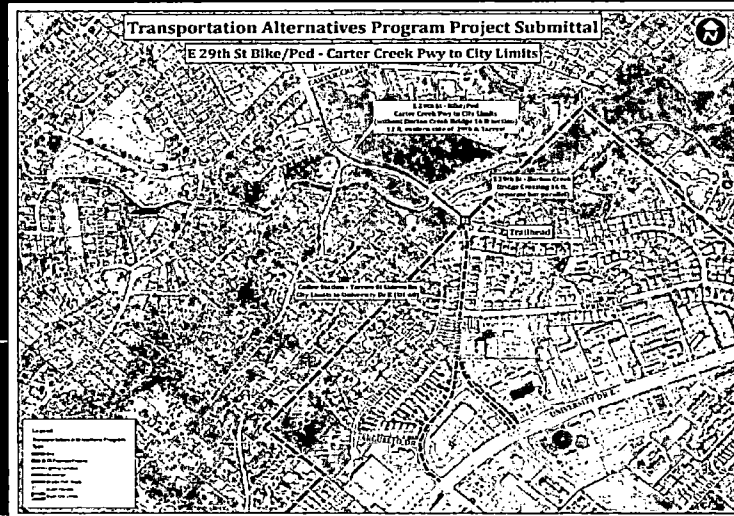
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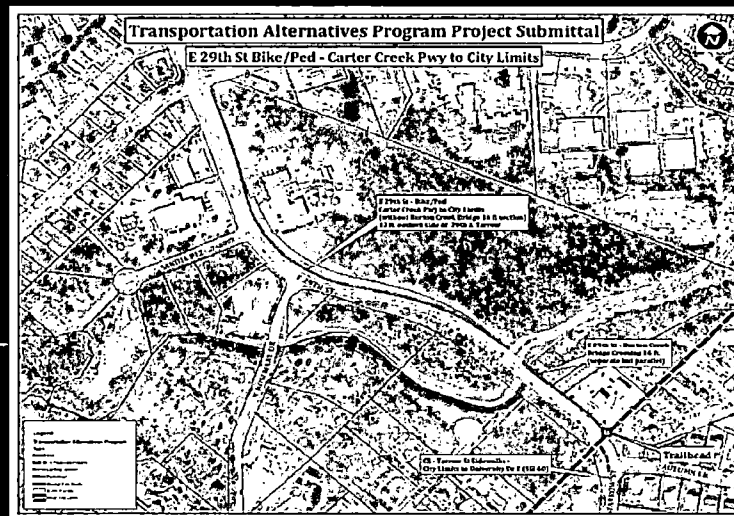
E 29th Street Bike/Ped

- Project limits from Carter Creek Parkway to City Limit line near Autumn Circle (partnered project with CS goes to University Drive (FM60))
- 12 ft wide shared use path - eastern side of E. 29th and Tarrow
- 16 ft wide bridge across Burton Creek parallel but separate from current street bridge
- Ramps at intersections
- Trail head at the City limits line to facilitate if Bryan or CS project gets funded without the other. (can always not be constructed if both projects get funded)
- Existing people paths worn in grass
- Connect 2 cities to each other, destinations include Bryan High School, Center for Regional Services (Council of Governments), Hilton Conference Center and Texas A&M via University Drive.

E 29th Street Bike/Ped



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W. 17th Street Sidewalks



- Project limits from State Highway 21 (San Jacinto) to Muckleroy Street
- 6 ft wide sidewalks along western side of W. 17th Street
- Connect existing sidewalks on SH 21 with those recently constructed by City of Bryan on Muckleroy that safely move kids to the local elementary school – Kemp Elementary and connect to Martin Luther King Boulevard which is the other major roadway besides W. 17th into this neighborhood north of State Highway 21

W. 17th Street Sidewalks

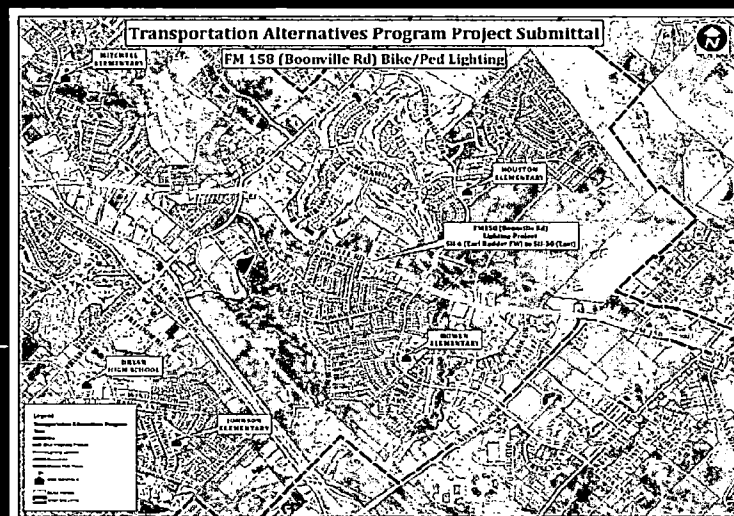


FM158 Bike/Ped



- Provide lighting for existing shared use path (12 feet wide) along east side of FM158 (Boonville Road) and for 6 ft sidewalk along west side. Fill in gaps of 6 ft sidewalk on west side.
- Limits are from State Highway 6 (Earl Rudder Freeway) to State Highway 30
- Route goes through the original townsite of Boonville and passes by the Boonville Cemetery
- Connects multiple residential subdivisions including Austin's Colony (# of homes), Pecan Ridge (# homes), Miramont (# homes), Wheeler Ridge (# homes), Tiffany Park (# homes), and Copperfield (# homes). Also connects multiple commercial shopping centers and at least 3 large churches.

FM158 Bike/Ped



Texas Ave Sidewalks



- Limits are from E 30th to State Highway 21 (San Jacinto)
- 8 ft wide sidewalks on west side and 6 ft wide sidewalk on east side
- 6 ft wide sidewalk along south side of E 30th from Texas to Coulter.
- There are several sections on both sides of the street which have existing sidewalks which vary in width between 4 and 8 feet – many are not ADA compliant.
- Connects Government and Downtown sector (Brazos County, City of Bryan, BISD, etc.) to SH 21 and to sidewalks constructed with previous Safe Route to School.

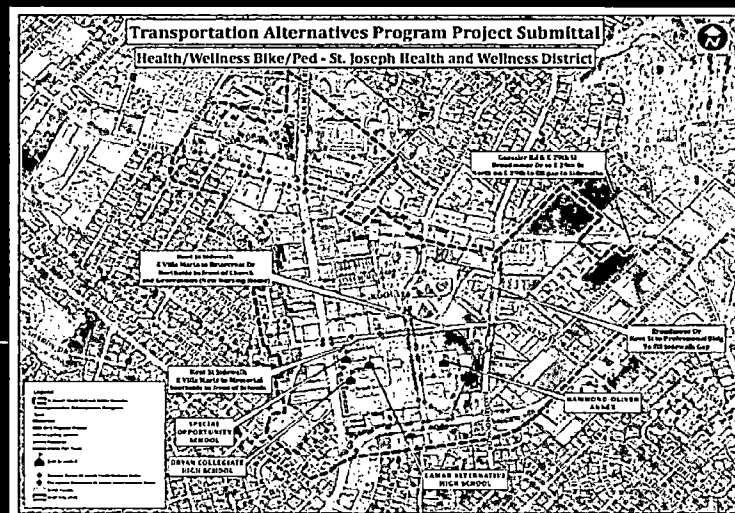
Texas Ave Sidewalks



Health / Wellness Bike/Ped

- Limits as outlined below all around the St. Joseph Health and Wellness District under creation jointly with the City of Bryan.
- Sidewalk ramps and driveway aprons throughout the area plan that do not meet ADA or cross slope.
- Additional Sidewalk along Kent Street on the school side.
- Additional Sidewalk along Kent on the Church side. There are two fire hydrants that may or may not have to moved.
- Additional Sidewalk along Kent on the multi-family property located near the intersection of Broadmoor and Kent. There is a gap from where the sidewalks from Generations (new nursing home) stops.
- Additional sidewalk along East 29th street on the undeveloped property located at the corner of Goessler Rd. There are noticeable people paths on this property.

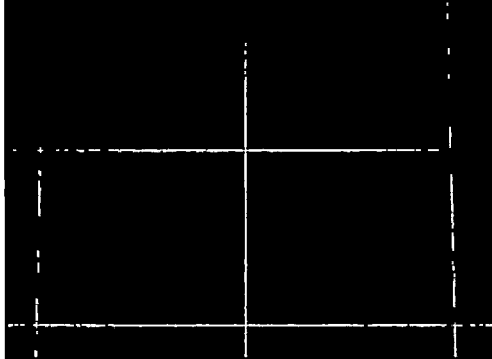
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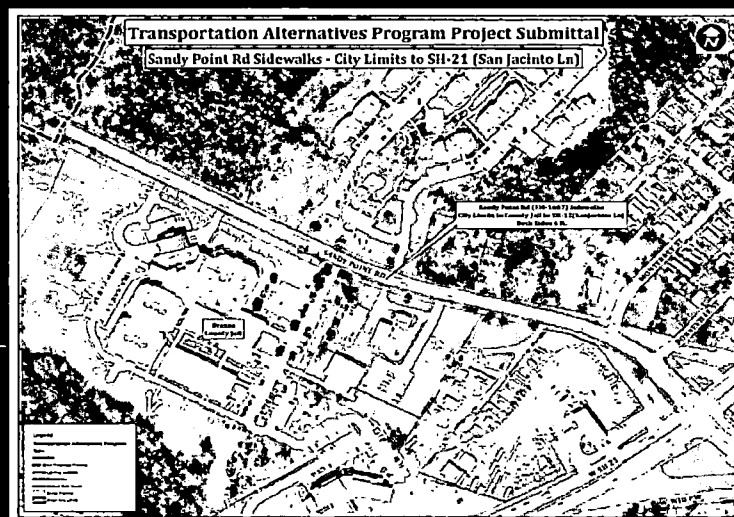
Sandy Point Sidewalk



- Limits from County Jail to State Highway 21 (San Jacinto).
- 6 ft wide sidewalks on both sides
- Includes passing by large apartment complex
- TXDOT Road designation FM1687.



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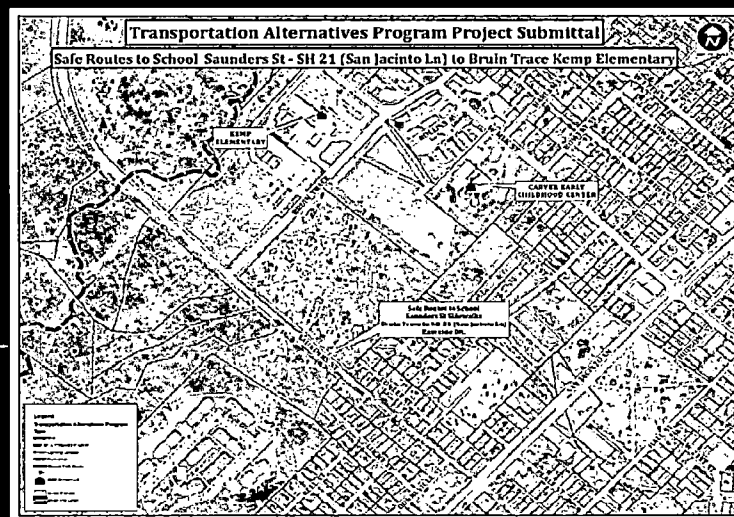


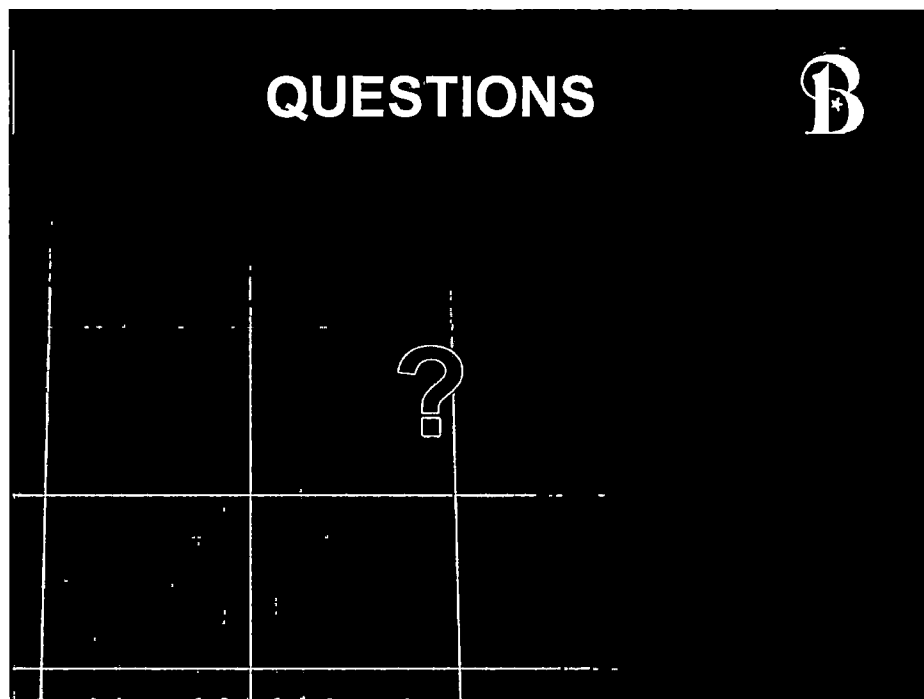
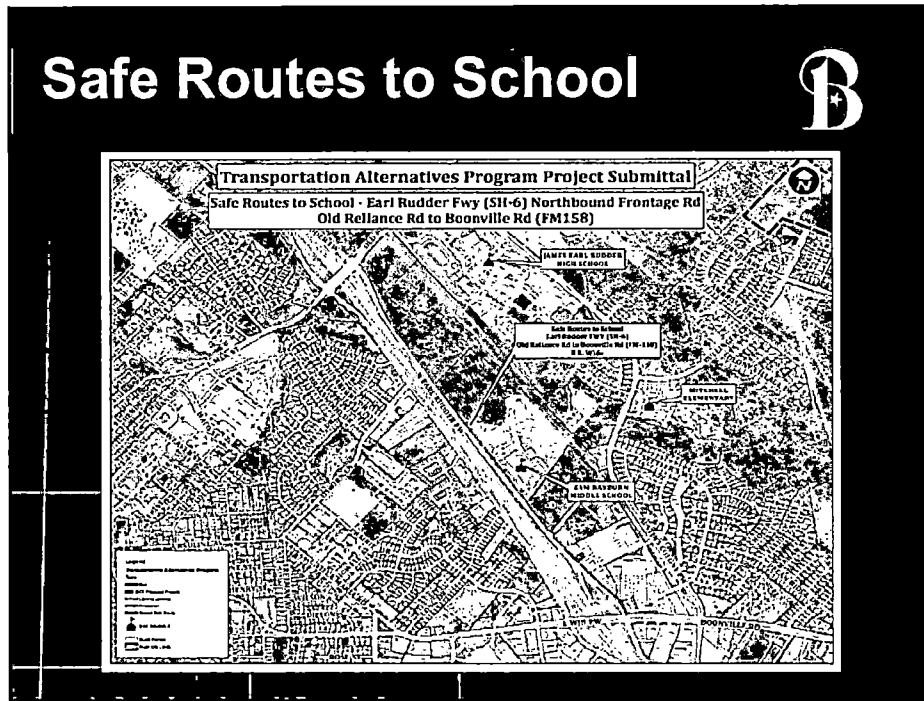
Safe Routes to School



- Limits: Saunders from SH 21 (San Jacinto) to Bruin Trace (Kemp Elementary) on east side of Saunders connecting to existing sidewalks on north side of Bruin Trace and north side of SH 21
- Limits: Earl Rudder Freeway (SH6) northbound frontage road from Old Reliance at existing sidewalk to Boonville (FM158) at existing sidewalk connecting Sam Rayburn Middle School and Rudder High School
- 8 ft wide sidewalk
- Includes culvert extension to cross creek

Safe Routes to School





Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Projects

Transportation Alternatives Program

Venessa Garza
Greenways Program Manager

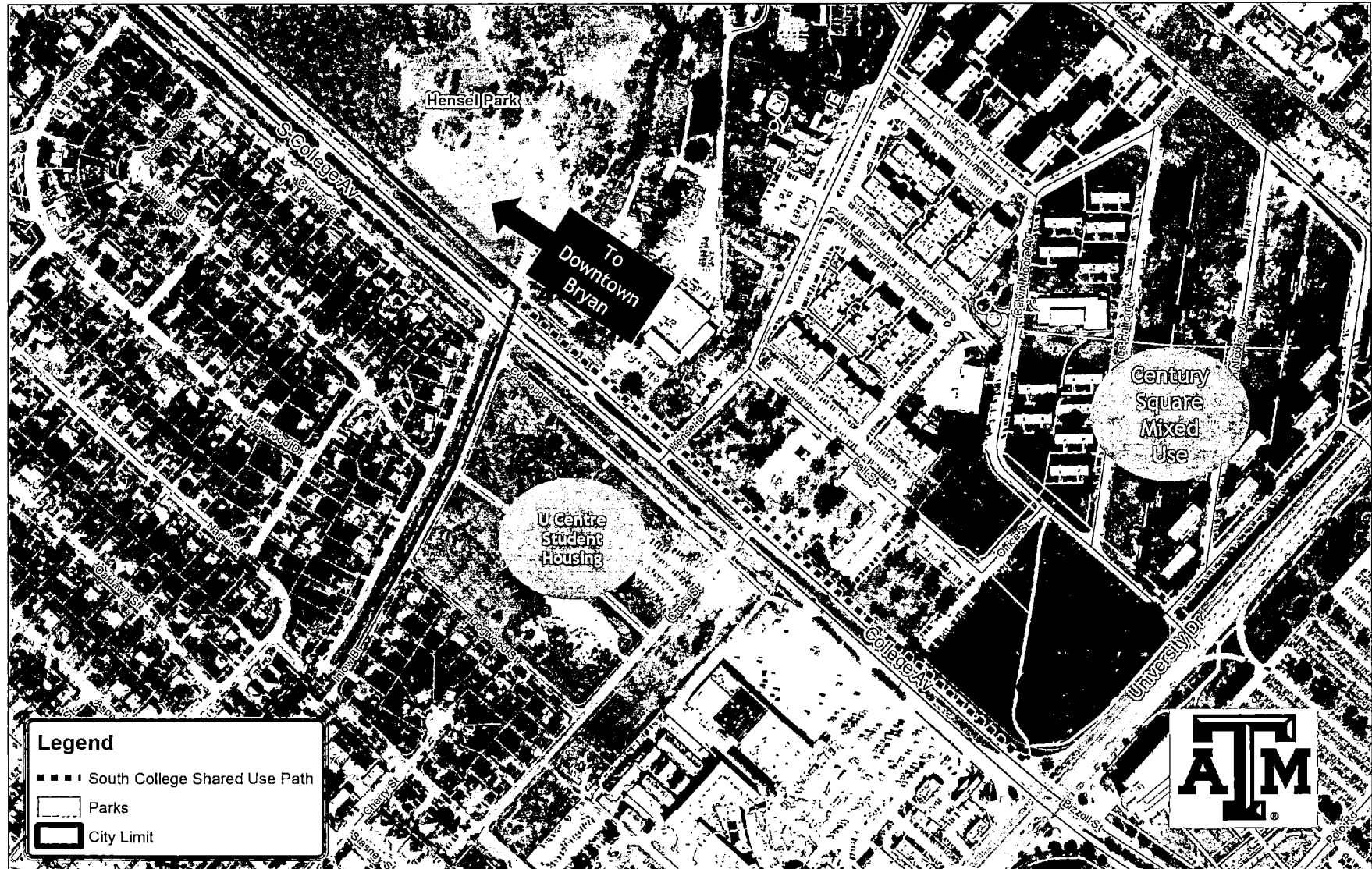


South College Shared Use Path

- Project limits from University Drive to City of Bryan
- 12 foot wide shared use path for biking and walking
- Partner project with City of Bryan and TxDOT



College Avenue Shared Use Path

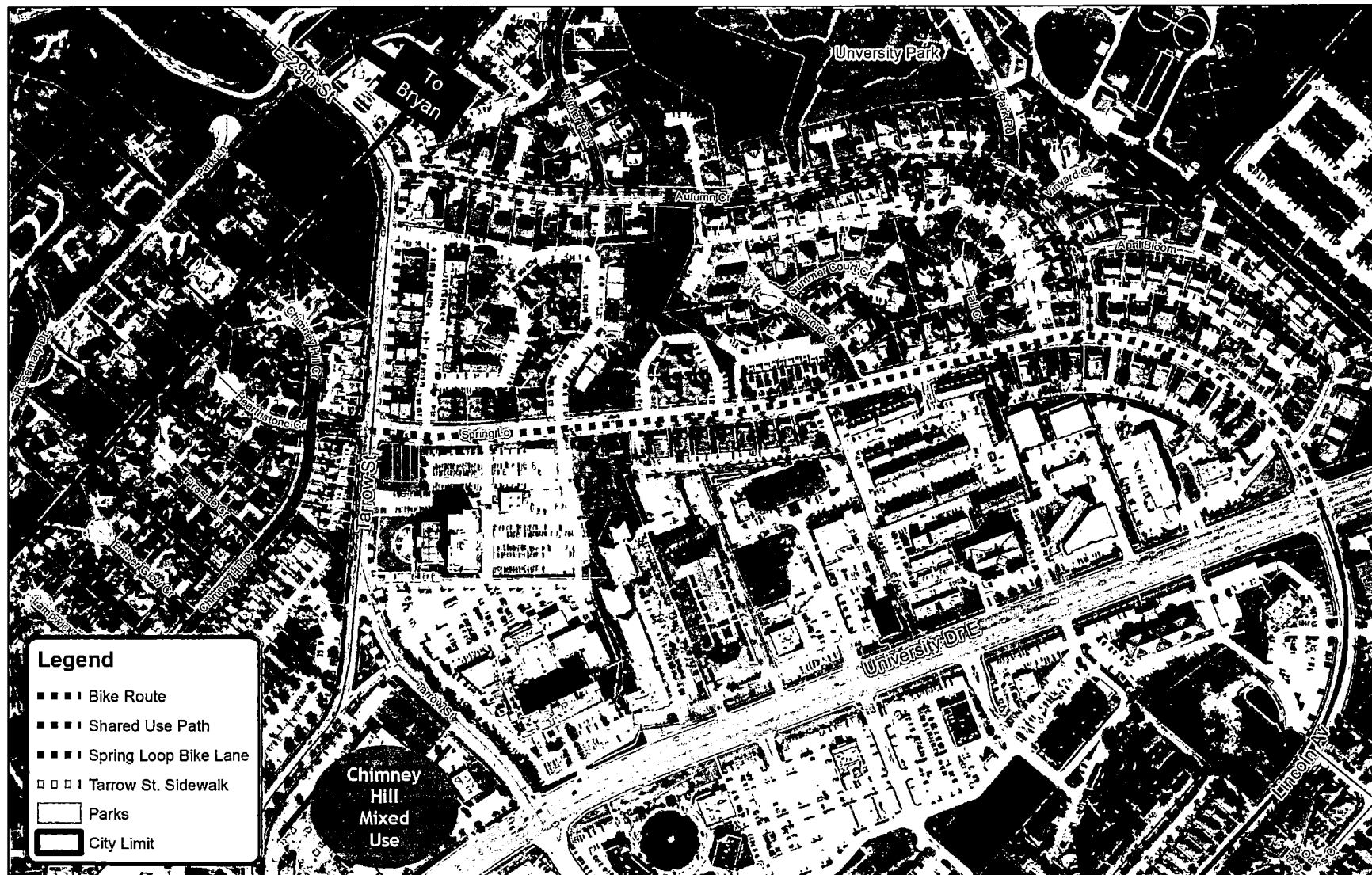


Tarrow Street Bike/Ped Connectivity

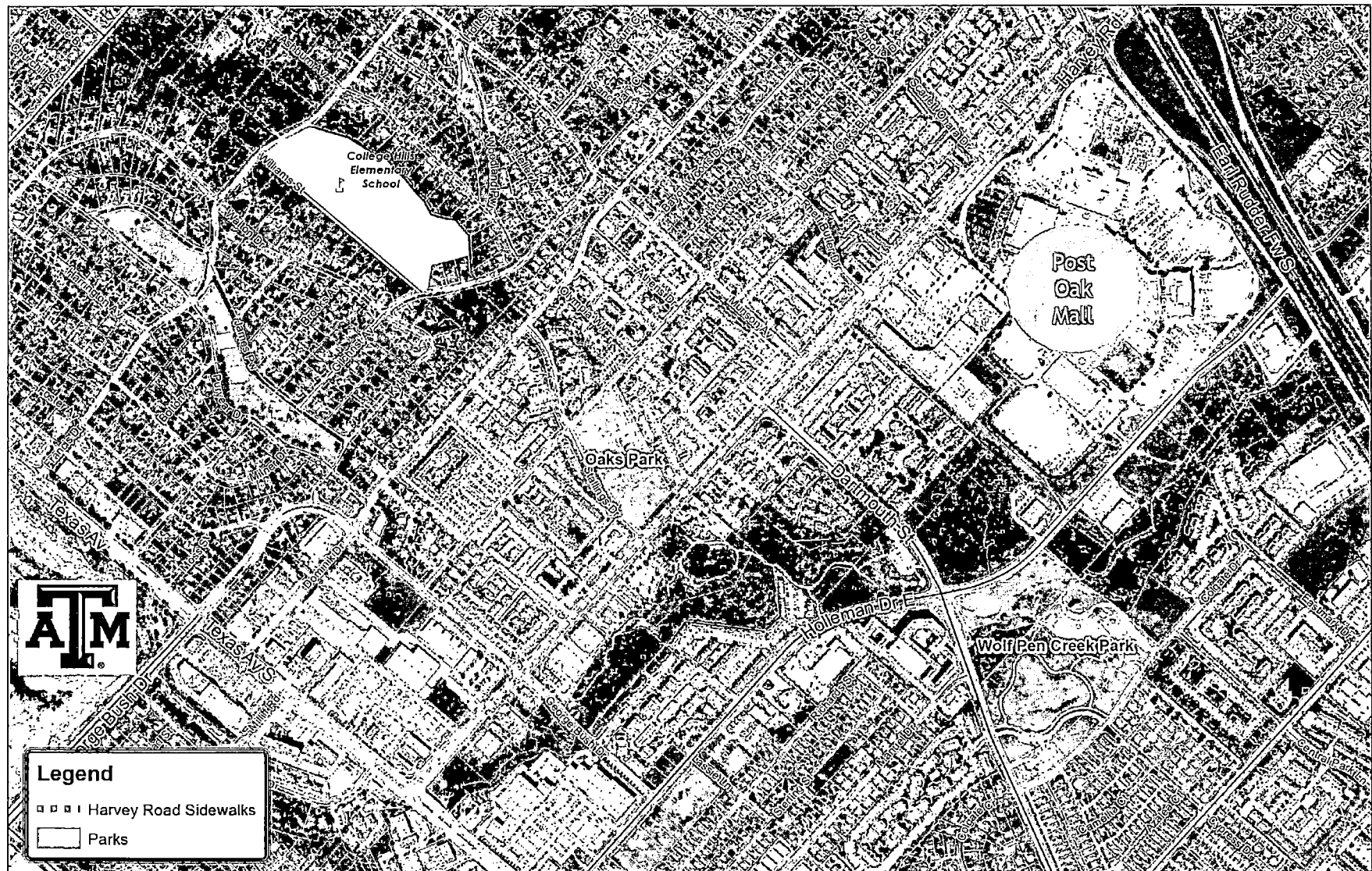
- Project limits from University Drive to City of Bryan
- Partner project with City of Bryan
- 8-6 foot sidewalk from Chimney Hill Development to Spring Loop
- 12 foot wide shared use path for biking and walking from Autumn Circle to City of Bryan
- Bike lane and bike route



Tarrow Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity



Harvey Road Sidewalk



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